

# FSM



## Country Brief

### Project Site Description

In terms of the project sites, SPC chose to work in the State of Chuuk with the focus on three outer islands namely, Pulap, Polowat and Pulusuk. Having had discussions with the Suva team and the Director Climate Change Unit, it was decided that USP choose one island to focus its activities in. The project partners were informed of the decision and agreed that a selection criteria be established to guide the selection. The following criteria (i) Effective leadership; (ii) commitment to project activities; (iii) commitment to sustainability; (iv) level of need for training; and population size of the island and island stakeholders) was proposed and used. Based on the criteria, Pulup Island was chosen – meeting the criteria. Pulup Island is also one of the many islands that does not usually gets a lot of projects implemented there.

### Progress

Activities	Status	
Desktop Review	✓	In progress
Stakeholder Consultation – PNA Report	•	Initiated
Outreach and Awareness Raising	✓	On-going
Identification of Change Agents	X	Yet to be done
Consultation with Ministries	✓	On-going
Identification of Training Needs	X	Yet to be done
Training as per the identified need	X	Yet to be done
Identification of local development plan	X	Yet to be done
Implementation of development plan	X	Yet to be done

## Government Ministry Consultations

Since the inception of the project, the consultant has been in constant communication with the Department of Climate Change, Environment and Emergency Management (DECEM); Environment Protection Authority (EPA) in Chuuk, project partners SPC, the Protected Areas Network (PAN) team, Ministry of Agriculture team and a few other stakeholders.

This will be the representatives that the consultant will work and collaborate with in regards to ensuring the project is implemented successfully in Pulus Island.

## Desktop Review

From a recent visit to Chuuk, the consultant was able to meet several national stakeholders and gather sufficient information that will feed into the desktop review. A planned trip to the islands to discuss this in detail had to be cancelled because of a suspected covid case. The consultant is currently finalizing the desktop report.

## Local Development Plans/Island Strategic Development Plans

This has yet to be initiated. A recently planned trip to the Island to consult local stakeholders on the desktop review as well as undertake a fact-finding mission on this topic was cancelled at the very last minute due to a suspected covid case. The trip is being rescheduled to a later date.

## Challenges and Solutions

- ✓ Boat schedule and cost to the island is a huge challenge. As a solution, the project will plan trips alongside project partners and it has also been suggested that the project also try to plan trips when other government ministries take their trips to the islands. Boat trips to the islands could take up to a month.
- ✓ Covid travel restrictions is also a challenge at this stage. As a solution, the consultant is engaging stakeholders at the national level to gather as much information to feed into the desktop review. The consultant was able to travel to Chuuk, where he met with the SPC National Coordinator, Environment Protection Authority Officer and several other stakeholders.
- ✓ Communication with stakeholders on the island is another challenge. The island can only be contacted via a VHF Radio. The consultant is finding it difficult to introduce the project to the island stakeholders and it is impossible to use the VHF medium as a means to communicate this information. The project will have to plan a trip to the island for this



purpose. Unfortunately, the recently planned trip had to be cancelled because of a suspected covid case.

### Lesson Learnt

- ✓ It is critical to maintain constant communication with the SPC team that is based on Chuuk
- ✓ There is a need to expand reach to other government ministries to ensure future trips to the islands are planned well

### Financial Summary

Item/Activity	Total Budget Allocation (EUR)	Year 1 & 2 Actual (EUR)	Balance (EUR)
(2.1) Mobilisation and outreach on climate and disaster resilience with local area stakeholders in intervention areas	21,000	17,096	3,904
(2.2) Provision of training in resilient development to local area stakeholders	16,500	-	16,500
(2.3) Mainstream and integrate climate change and disaster risk management in sub-national sustainable development plans e.g. island plans	15,500	-	15,500
(2.4) Enhance the capacity to implement, monitor and evaluate sub-national sustainable development plans e.g. island plans	10,656	-	10,656
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,656</b>	<b>17,096</b>	<b>46,560</b>



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